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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. KANNO et al.
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For: AN APPARATUS FOR TREATING PERFLUOROCOMPOUND
GAS
Group: 1754
Examiner: N. Nguyen

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 6, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2005, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks are included following the amendments.